

LISTING OF AMENDED CLAIMS

The listing of claims below replaces all prior versions and listings of claims.

1. – 8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently amended) A computer implemented method of notifying an operator of a result of attempting to read item identification information from a number of product labels on an item, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) attempting to read the item identification information for the item from both a barcode label and a radio frequency identification label by a checkout device;
- b) if the checkout device in the attempting step fails to read the item identification information from at least one of both the barcode label and the radio frequency identification label, activating a single bad read indicator to produce a single bad read indication indicating that the read of both labels by the checkout device has failed; and
- c) if the item identification information is read received from at least one of the barcode label and the radio frequency identification label by the checkout device in response to the attempting step, activating a single good read indicator to produce a single good read indication where the single good read indication is used by the checkout device to indicate a good read from both labels by the checkout device.

10. (Currently amended) The method of claim 9, wherein step b) further comprises the step of:

- b-1) activating a bad read light indicator to produce a single bad read indication by the checkout device.

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 9, wherein step b) further comprises the step of:

- b-1) activating a bad read tone indicator to produce a single bad read indication by the checkout device.

12. (Currently amended) The method of claim 9, wherein step c) further comprises ~~the step of~~:

c-1) activating a good read light indicator to produce a single good read indication by the checkout device.

13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 9, wherein step c) further comprises ~~the step of~~:

c-1) activating a good read tone indicator to produce a single good read indication by the checkout device.

14. (Currently amended) A computer implemented method of notifying an operator of a result of attempting to read item identification information from a number of product labels on an item, the method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

- a) receiving an indication that the item has passed over by a checkout device;
- b) attempting to read the item identification information for the item from both a barcode label and a radio frequency identification label by the checkout device;
- c) if the item identification information is not read received from at least one of the barcode label and the radio frequency identification label by the checkout device in response to the attempting step, activating a single bad read indicator to produce a single bad read indication indicating that the read of both labels by the checkout device has failed; and
- d) if the item identification information is read received from at least one of the barcode label and the radio frequency identification label by the checkout device in response to the attempting step, activating a single good read indicator to produce a single good read indication where the single good read indication is used by the checkout device to indicate a good read from both labels by the checkout device.

15. (Currently amended) A system for notifying an operator of a result of attempting to read item identification information from a number of product labels on an item, the system comprising:

- a barcode reader;
- a radio frequency identification label reader;
- a good read indicator;
- a bad read indicator; and

control circuitry for notifying an operator of a result of attempting to read the item identification information for the item from both a barcode label and a radio frequency identification label on an item with using the barcode reader and the radio frequency identification label reader,

wherein the control circuitry activates [[a]] the bad read indicator to produce a single bad read indication if the control circuitry fails to receive read the item identification information from at least one both of the barcode label and the radio frequency identification label, and

wherein the control circuitry activates [[a]] the good read indicator to produce a single good read indication if the control circuitry receives the item identification information from at least one of the barcode label and the radio frequency identification label where the single good read indication is used to indicate a good read from both labels.

16. (Currently amended) A checkout device comprising:

- a barcode reader;
- a radio frequency identification label reader;
- a good read indicator;
- a bad read indicator; and

control circuitry for reading item identification information for an item by causing the barcode reader to generate a scan pattern for reading a barcode label and the radio frequency identification label reader to generate a sensing field for interrogating a radio frequency identification label, and for notifying an operator of a result of attempting to

read [[a]] the item identification information for an item from the barcode label and radio frequency identification label number of product labels on the [[an]] item,

wherein the control circuitry activates [[a]]the bad read indicator to produce a single bad read indication if the control circuitry fails to receivethe item identification information from at least one both of the scan pattern and the sensing field, and

wherein the control circuitry activates [[a]]the good read indicator to produce a single good read indication if the control circuitry receivesthe item identification information from at least one of the scan pattern and the sensing field where the single good read indication is used to indicate a good read from both the scan pattern and the sensing field.